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SUMMER READING PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

If it's March or April, preparations for Summer Reading Program are well underway. **A World of Readers** is the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives 2004 statewide theme. Public libraries will be celebrating the richness of various cultural heritages represented in their communities and around the world. Exciting book-based programs featuring traditions of many nationalities and ethnic groups will encourage children to maintain their reading skills while on vacation. This theme will include a special teen focus called **Read the World**. The entire program will reinforce the fact that reading helps everyone understand their world and the ties common to all who love books.

KDLA has taken a leadership role in planning for Summer Reading Program by producing handbooks with stories, crafts, and games that follow the annual theme, by negotiating better prices for Summer Reading materials, and by providing training for children's librarians. This year, over 230 librarians attended the KDLA-sponsored training. In addition, KDLA is making resources such as a list of bilingual resources, a poetry bibliography, and a talking books bibliography for children who cannot use traditional books due to a physical disability.



There are a number of reasons to have a Summer Reading Program:

- To encourage and motivate children and families to read for pleasure
- To help school age children maintain their reading skills while on vacation
- To introduce children and their families to the resources of the public library
- To attract new customers to the library
- To establish the library as a vital part of community life
- To create positive publicity for the library
- To promote community involvement in the mission of the library
- To establish a partnership with the school community
- To increase circulation of library materials.

KDLA has taken a leadership role in supporting Summer Reading Program since 1980. That role has expanded to include in-depth training, working with vendors to negotiate better deals for Summer Reading materials, and creating a handbook full of ideas for a successful program.

Summer Reading Program has grown by leaps and bounds. Last year, 110,585 children participated statewide.

SPANISH FOR LIBRARIANS

Sharpen your professional skills by taking "Survival Spanish for Library Staff" through the California State Library's Infopeople Project! Infopeople training is available through a CD-ROM for \$10.00. The CD can be purchased through <http://infopeople.org/training/>. KDLA has purchased one copy which is available for preview. Along with the CD, there is web page access to the script for the workshop, and training materials.

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AHEAD

Don't forget the following special events and dates for library related activities:

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| April 6 | KYVL training in Pikeville. |
| April 7 | KYVL training in Jackson. |
| April 8 | KYVL training in Barbourville. |
| April 18-24 | National Library Week. |
| April 20 | Fundraising and Partnerships workshop @ KDLA in Frankfort. |
| April 28 | Disaster Preparedness in Louisville. |
| May 17 | Library Materials Repair in Elizabethtown. |
| May 18 | Library Materials Repair in Morehead |
| June 9 | Bibliostat training @ KDLA in Frankfort. |
| June 11 | Weeding with the CREW Method in Columbia. |

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

Celebrate Earth Day with reading, writing, and art! Join your fellow Kentuckians for the first annual All Wild About Reading Earth Day Bookfest! Elementary, middle, and high school classes, universities, and individuals alike are encouraged to join the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the Kentucky Department of Education, the University of Kentucky's Cooperative Extension Office, and the University of Kentucky's Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment in honoring our planet through language and creativity. From April 19-22, individuals of all ages around the Commonwealth will commemorate the holiday through books, short stories, poetry, drawing, painting, and a variety of other outlets.

How can you participate? Just visit the All Wild About Kentucky's Environment website at www.kentuckyawake.org to register your group and to find recommended readings for any age group. You also can submit your own work in words or pictures.

Selected pieces will be posted on the AWAKE website. Registered groups and selected submissions will be acknowledged at the Salato Wildlife Education Center's Earth Week Celebration.

AUTISM ASSISTANCE

The Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATS) receives many requests from families with children with autism about the availability of summer and leisure programs. To respond to this need, a list of programs for local communities has been compiled. Also, April is Autism Awareness Month and the KATC is happy to assist local libraries in any awareness efforts. Contact Rebecca Grau at 502-852-7799 or 1-800-334-8635.

'CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column highlights some of these. Additional items for inclusion are welcome. Please e-mail items of interest to <marjorie.flowers@ky.gov>.

The **McCracken County Public Library's** Lunch and Evening program for adults featured a book discussion with Andrew Halford and a night of stargazing with the Amateur Astronomers.

The **Hancock County Public Library** unveiled its new renovation in an Open House. The major renovation involved paint, carpet, and moving the Children's department to another floor.

Many libraries throughout the state held celebrations of the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Libraries include **Daviess County Public Library, Hart County Public Library** and the **Bowling Green Library**.

Adair County Public Library has a new author on their staff - **Ernestine Bennett**, Circulation/Genealogy Assistant, has published a book titled *The Old Country Store - Adair County Kentucky*. This book has many photos of old stores in the county.

The **Union County Public Library** received a \$1,000 donation from United Community Bank.

The newest branch of the **Campbell County Public Library** has opened a virtual branch especially for children. You can view it at <www.cc-pl.org/children.htm>.

Friends of the Library have begun fundraising events for the **Casey County Public Library**.

PUT IT IN WRITING @ YOUR LIBRARY

Fifteen libraries across the country will host workshops for aspiring writers led by writers from *Woman's Day* magazine during National Library Week, April 18-24. The workshops are part of the third year of "Put it in Writing @ your library," designed to promote the wealth of opportunities that all types of libraries offer that can spark a writer's imagination and creativity and help develop a community of writers.

During the two-hour workshops, *Woman's Day* writers will offer tips on how to get published, drawing from their own experiences and specialties. These workshops are free and open to the public. Librarians will also showcase the resources available at their library to help local writers break into the business.

The **Kenton County Public Library** is one of the fifteen to be selected for this honor.

"Put it in Writing @ your library" is part of The Campaign for America's Libraries, ALA's multi-year public education campaign designed to showcase the value of public, school, academic and special libraries and librarians in the 21st century. *Woman's Day*, published by Hachette Filipacchi Media U.S., Inc., is a founding partner in the campaign.

For more information about The Campaign for America's Libraries, visit the campaign Web site at <www.ala.org/@yourlibrary>.



CATALOGING TIP

I have found a website that I have bookmarked, and wanted to share information about it. It is ODLIS (Online Dictionary of Library and Information Science), and the URL is www.wcsu.edu/library/odlis.html. The dictionary covers a wide range of library topics, including library acronyms and library and information science terms and concepts. Of particular interest to catalogers is the entry under **tag**. MARC tags are listed with descriptions of the fields, and links to other definitions that will help if you are still unsure about the exact use of the tag.

I am always on the lookout for topics for this column that would be helpful to you in your day-to-day cataloging. If you have a particular problem or interest that I could cover, please let me know. Others may want information on the same topic.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have – from Deweys to MARC tags. You may contact me directly, or through Ask a Librarian and they will get the question to me!

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MORE GRANTS FOR LIBRARIES

Libraries for the Future, with support from MetLife Foundation, is sponsoring a national book and film discussion series for teenagers and families, especially immigrant-Americans, that will take place in public libraries. There are currently 30 libraries participating in *Reading America* across the country. Libraries are invited to submit proposals for participation. The deadline for proposals is April 9, 2004.

For more information, including a downloadable application, go to www.lff.org/programs/readingamerica.html.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

The February 11 Public Library and Bookmobile Day in Frankfort was a rousing success. Over 300 library supporters, trustees and friends and 70 bookmobiles converged on Frankfort to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the bookmobile program and raise awareness about public libraries. The bookmobiles were visited by First Lady Glenna Fletcher; bookmobile librarians were introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives and received certificates from their House and Senate members; and a number of members made passionate floor speeches about the importance of public libraries. Over 70 legislators were personally visited and "Support Public Library" stickers were being worn around the Capitol that day.

WEB ASSISTANCE FOR LIBRARIES

As part of serving Kentucky's public libraries, KDLA's website is planning to expand to include web resources for public library web administrators

and technical staff. Some things to be featured would be images, logos, web templates and HTML coding needed for creating special effects. Currently, this expansion is in its initial planning phase; we would like your input as to what you would like also included. Please forward your ideas, or the ideas of your staff members to Gabrielle Gayheart at gabrielle.gayheart@ky.gov.



INSPIRE, INNOVATE!

The Kentucky Public Library Association and the Kentucky Library Trustees Association invites librarians and trustees to their joint conference in Lexington from May 5 -7. The conference theme is "Inspire, Innovate!" Highlights of the conference include pre-conferences on Reader's Advisory Services presented by Joyce Saricks of the Downers Grove Public Library, "Marketing on a Shoestring," with Kathleen Imhoff, new Director of the Lexington Public Library, and "Survivor Kentucky: Don't let your users Google you off the island!" with Stephen Abram, Pres-Elect of the Canadian Library Association. Working sessions on the following days include inspiration for author programs, tax petition drives, wireless services, and many more.

The luncheon on Thursday will feature a talk by Kentucky author Sena Jeter Naslund and the ever-popular statewide awards. That evening the Lexington Public Library will hold a reception to welcome our Kentucky colleagues. Guest of Honor at the reception will be Carol Brey-Casiano of the El Paso Public Library, ALA's President-Elect. Ms. Brey-Casiano will be our closing session speaker on the following day. Register early, as the deadline for reserving rooms is April 4.

EVENING STORYTIME SUCCESS

The Boone County Public Library has a thriving evening storytime due to perseverance and publicity. The program has been in place for a number of years, and in the beginning there were only six children. This program has grown to twenty-one children, plus their parents. Many became aware of the program by happening to be in the library at the time. The library staff discovered that the best way to advertise was at special weekend events. So what's next? A Saturday morning program called "Daddy and Me."

KDLA OFFERS NEW FEATURE: REFERENCE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Beginning in February, the State Library initiated the new **Reference Question of the Month** email feature. Designed for staff members who answer patrons' reference questions, the email highlights a question received by the State Library's Reference section from a public library through its "Ask a Librarian" service.

Ask a Librarian is the State Library's email reference service designed to help meet the information needs of your patrons. Questions, big and small, can be submitted to the Reference staff who will get you the answer you need – usually within 24 hours. So, if you are overwhelmed with requests for statistics, journal articles, or the latest government or business information, don't panic! Call the State Library at 800-928-7000, ext. 342 or email "Ask a Librarian."

To use **Ask a Librarian**, fill out the Kentucky Public Library Form at <www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib.htm>. You will receive a response via email, fax, phone, or regular mail.

If you did not receive the February **Reference Question of the Month** and would like to receive future postings, call the Reference department or send an email using **Ask a Librarian**.

SOLINET WORKSHOP

The University of Louisville, University Libraries are hosting the SOLINET workshop: Disaster Preparedness on April 28, 2004. This workshop is designed for staff members responsible for, or interested in, organizing and implementing institutional or cooperative disaster preparedness and response procedures. For more information, please go to <www.solinet.net/>.

CALDECOTT/NEWBERY MEDALS

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

The 2004 Caldecott Medal winner is *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* illustrated and written by **Mordcai Gerstein** (Roaring Brook Press/Millbrook Press). This true story recounts the daring feat of a spirited young Frenchman who walked a tightrope between the World Trade Center twin towers in 1974. His joy in dancing on a thin wire high above Manhattan and the awe of the spectators in the streets far below is captured in exquisite ink and oil paintings that perfectly complement the spare, lyrical text.

The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

The 2004 Newbery Medal winner is *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread* written by **Kate DiCamillo**, illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering (Candlewick Press).

The Tale of Despereaux draws the reader into an enchanting account of a smaller-than-usual mouse in love with music, stories and a princess named Pea. This tiny hero faints at loud noises but gathers the courage to fulfill his dreams.

The Caldecott and Newbery Medals are the most prestigious awards in children's literature.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids

The Teammates for Kids Foundation accepts proposals from nonprofit organizations that specialize in working with children. Grants from the foundation support the ongoing work of operating organizations that help children in the areas of health, education, and inner-city services. While there is no minimum or maximum grant amount, most grants average between \$10,000 and \$50,000.

The deadline for applications is October 1, 2004. For more information, visit <www.teammates4kids.com>.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

The Mellon Foundation makes grants to support higher education, museums and art conservation, performing arts, conservation and the government, and public affairs. The foundation prefers to "strengthen institutions and their capabilities rather than to take on ancillary activities, and it seeks to stay with programs long enough to achieve meaningful results." Previous grants have ranged from \$50,000 to \$5 million.

To be considered for a grant, first submit a letter of inquiry outlining the need, nature, and amount of the request, and proof of nonprofit status. There is no deadline to apply. Those best aligned with the foundations goals will be invited to submit full proposals. For more information, visit <www.mellon.org>.

Starbucks Foundation

The Starbucks Foundation is committed to supporting youth literacy and leadership programs. Grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 are available for local projects. Local programs should involve one Starbucks store. Grants are awarded twice annually.

For more information, visit <www.starbucks.com/aboutus/foundation.asp>.

KLTA OUTSTANDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

The Kentucky Library Trustees Association invites applications from library boards that have notable accomplishments for the Outstanding Board of Trustees Award. The application should be brief and concise, responding to the criteria. It should be compiled and written by the board with the help of the Library Director when needed. The application must include a written narrative, not to exceed two (2) typed 8 1/2 x 11 pages. A maximum of three (3) pages of supportive material, i.e. photos, newspaper clippings, drawing, etc., may be submitted, but is not mandatory.

There must be a minimum of two (2) library boards nominated before the award will be given. An engraved plaque will be given to the library of the winning board at the KPLA/KLTA Spring Conference to be held at the Radisson in Lexington, and a list of achievements will be featured in library publications around the state. The award will be presented on Thursday, May 6, at the annual awards luncheon. There will also be a \$250 cash award.

If the board has previously submitted an application and was not chosen, or has substantially new information, it should consider resubmitting an application, as the selection is based on the most outstanding accomplishment submitted each year.

The deadline for submitting materials is **April 15, 2004**. Please send to:

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For more information, please contact Nelda Moore at 270-766-5222.

The reading of good books is like conversation with the finest men of past centuries.

Descartes

STATISTICAL REPORT

The latest *Statistical Report of Kentucky Public Libraries, FY 2002-2003* is online at: www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/statistics.htm

Paper copies should have arrived at all public libraries. This is an invaluable resource that should not be overlooked.



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LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER

Who was the first president to establish a permanent library in the White House?

Millard Fillmore

What was the first children's book published by Dr. Seuss?

And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street

John Milton used 8,000 different words in what poem?

Paradise Lost

What did Frank Baum name after a file cabinet in his office?

Oz, after "O to Z"

Who is the only person to have authored a book in each of the Dewey Decimal Classification System?

Isaac Asimov

What are the names of the two stone lions in front of the New York Public Library?

Patience and Fortitude

Where was the world's first public library opened?

Warsaw, Poland in 1747

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